

REMARKS and SUGGESTED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT 37 CFR §1.142(c)

The above preliminary amendment is made to cancel claims 3-4, 6-7, 25-26, and 29 without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. The preliminary amendment is made to comply with 37 CFR 1.75(b), and is not made to overcome an art based rejection.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

In accordance with Rule 142(c), Applicant suggests the following restriction requirement:

Group I: claims 1, 2, 5, 8-24, 27-28, and 30-32 (apparatus)

Group II: claims 33-43 (method)

Applicant elects the invention of Group I without traverse.

The basis for the restriction is that the method can be practiced by another materially different apparatus (See M.P.E.P. 806.05 (e)).

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Brian H. Batzli (Reg. No. 32,960), at (612) 336-4755.

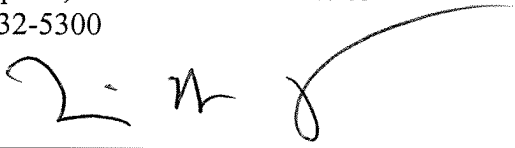
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